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SUBJ: EARLY WARNINGS: UAE POWER AND WATER PROJECTS

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1. UAE MINISTRY OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY (MWE) HAS RECENTLY SELECTED NEW CONSULTANT FOR LARGE POWER AND DESALINATION PROJECT (FIRST REPORTED REFTEL) IN NORTHERN EMIRATES. MARZ-MCCLELLAN (U.K.) HAS REPLACED P.C. & R (U.K.) AS PROJECT CONSULTANT AND WILL DETERMINE:

A. SITE AND PROJECT. TENTATIVE LOCATION IS HAMRIYEH AREA BETWEEN AJMAN AND UMM-AL-QAIWAIN.

B. SIZE OF PROJECT AND SIZE OF UNITS. STATION WILL BE EITHER 90 MW AND 9MGD OR 60 MW AND 6MGD. OVERALL PROJECT SIZE WILL ALSO DETERMINE SIZE OF INDIVIDUAL UNITS.

C. USE OF GAS OR STEAM TURBINES DEPENDING ON PREDICTED DEMAND SCHEDULE.

2. MWE EXPECTS TENDERS TO BE ISSUED APRIL 76. SCOPE OF WORK WILL INCLUDE POWER PLANT, DESALINATION PLANT, AND 132 KV TRANSMISSION NETWORK.

3. BRITISH CONSULTING FIRM OF P.C. & R HAS APPARENTLY LOST ITS DOMINANT POSITION IN MINISTRY. IT WAS FORCED TO COMPETE FOR THIS MAJOR CONTRACT AND LOST TO MARZ-MCCLELLAN. LATER THIS YEAR, MWE WILL BE SEEKING CONSULTANT FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

4. EMBASSY CONSIDERS THESE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. FIRMS.

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